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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

ALESSANDRO SETTE et al.

Application No.: 09/350,401

Filed: July 8, 1999

For: INDUCING CELLULAR IMMUNE  
RESPONSES TO HEPATITIS B VIRUS  
USING PEPTIDE AND NUCLEIC ACID  
COMPOSITIONS

Examiner: R. Schwadron

Art Unit: 1644

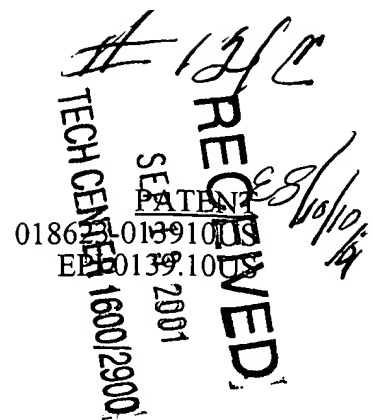
SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Supplemental to Applicants' Amendment filed September 4, 2001 in response to the Office Communication mailed July 3, 2001, Applicants submit herewith the second copies of the computer readable and paper forms of the sequence listing that were requested by the Examiner in his phone message of September 5, 2001.

Both the computer readable and paper copies of the sequence listing were previously submitted in Applicants' response mailed March 20, 2001. The July 3, 2001 Office Communication did not note any deficiencies in either the computer readable form or the paper copy of the 830 page sequence listing, and further, did not indicate that the sequence listing would not be processed. Accordingly, the second copies were not included in Applicants September 4, 2001 response, as filing a sequence listing can be

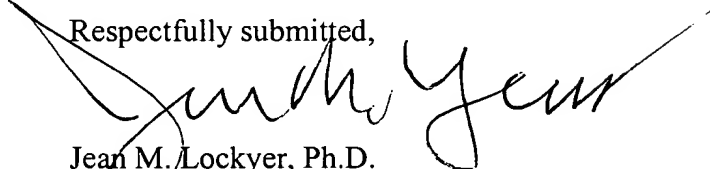


performed independently of filing an Amendment to incorporate seq id numbers. The second copies now submitted as a courtesy to the Examiner are identical to those filed March 20, 2001. The sequence listing adds no new matter. The paper copy of the sequence information was printed from the floppy disk. The information contained in the computer readable disk was prepared through the use of the software program "Fastseq" and is identical to that of the paper copy.

Applicants believe no additional fee is due as the July 3, 2001 Office Communication did not note any defects in the sequence listing. Accordingly, Applicants September 4, 2001 Amendment to add SEQ ID NOs to the specification was timely filed with a one-month extension of time. However, if a fee is required, the Commissioner is authorized to deduct such fee from the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 20-1430.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 415-576-0200.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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